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SOVIET COMMANDER IN NORTHEAST BECOMES CCF SENIOR MILITARY ADVISER

HEADS SCVIET FORCES IN NORTHEAST, LU-TA -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 24 Dec 49

Taihoku, 22 December -- It is reliably reported that Mi-lieh-su-k'o-fu, Chinese approximation of Russian name; probably Meretskoy commanding general of the Soviet forces in the Northeast and the Lu-shun--Ta-lien area, was recently appointed Senior Military Adviser to the Chinese Communist Forces.

In 1944, Mi-lieh-su-k'o-fu was in command of a Soviet Red Arc. front-line unit and also the Naritime Military District. During the war with Japan he was in command of operations in the Northeast and Primorskiy Kray. After the surrender of Japan, he was appointed commanding general of the Soviet forces in North Korea. All Soviet forces now in the Mortheast and in the Lu-shun-Ta lien area remain under his command.

His appointment to this position clearly shows that the Soviet Union is tightening its control over the Chinese Communists.

CCP ORGANIZES SHAN-T'OU SEA PATROL UNIT -- Wen-hui Pao, 28 Dec 49

The Subdistrict No 1 Sea Patrol Unit of the Kwangtung Military District was formally activated, on 14 December 1949, at Shang-t'ou. The patrol unit made up of former KMT gunboats, such as the Shih-yueh. Chieh-fang, K'ai-hsuen, etc., will be charged with the task of clearing the sea routes of pirates. The activation ceremony was attended by more than 100 persons and speeches were given by Sun Hui-ming (Ueda: 2282, 11815, 4485), newly appointed commander of this unit; Chu Man-p'ing (4717, 4660, 2899), Political Commissioner of Subdistrict No 1; Lo Fan-ch'un (9144, 8479, 9175), Chairman of the Shan-t'ou Military Control Commission; and Tsou Yü (12203, 7345), Chief of the Shan-t'ou Public Security Bureau.

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